Amount spent on modernisation of NTC Mills

†*156. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had made a plan in the past to make the textile mills of National Textile corporation profit earners, by way of modernisation, and a sum of Rs. 2005 crores was also decided to be spent on it;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in execution of this plan, Government had spent some amount on modernisation of certain mills;

(c) if so, the details of amount spent on different mills; and

(d) whether consequent to this, these mills became profit earners, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHI RAM RANA): (a) to (d)The Government had approved a Turn Around Plan for NTC mills in 1995 which envisaged, inter-alia, modernisation of 79 mills at a cost of Rs. 2005.72 crores, merger of 36 unviable mills into 18 viable mills etc. The plan was to be implemented through generation of funds from the sale of surplus land/assets of NTC. Major portion of this land is located in Mumbai. The State Government of Maharashtra has not yet given their approval for sale of land. Moreover, in case of 4 subsidiaries of NTC viz. NTC (UP), NTC (Guj.), NTC (WBAB&O) and NTC (MP), BIFR have not approved the plan on account of their net worth not becoming positive during the prescribed period. In view of the above the strategy could not be implemented.

Budgetary allocation for Panchayats

*157. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) why Government use Panchayats as the Nodal agency for rural development;

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(b) what percentage of the budgetary allocation of the Ministry goes directly to the Panchayats; and

(c) what is the quantum of money allocated to Madhya Pradesh for 1999-2000 for rural development?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUDNER LAL PATWA): (a) to (c) Article 243G of the Constitution of India provides for the Legislature of a State to endow the Panchayats with such powers and authority as may be necessary to enable them to function as institution of Self Government and for devolution of powers and responsibilities upon Panchayats with respect to the preparation and implementation of plans for economic development and social justice. In keeping with the spirit of democratic decentralization, the Panchayati Raj Institutions have been designated as the implementing agency for rural development schemes. The implementation of rural development schemes through Panchayat is expected to encourage people's participation, implementation and review as per local need and expectation and to ensure transparency and act as a check on misutilisation of funds.

As per the current guidelines, almost 100% of funds for Employmment Assurance Scheme (EAS) and Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana (JGSY) would go to Panchayati Raj Institutions. In percentage terms, it works out to 37.42 per cent of the total budgetary allocation of the Ministry.

An amount of Rs. 76477.75 lakh has been allocated to Madhya Pradesh is 1999-2000 as central share for rural development.

Criminal intelligence cell of CBI

*158. SHRI SITARAM KESRI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) to what exent the Criminal Intelligence Cell set up by the Central Bureau of Investigation to collate and disseminate intelligence at the national level on professional gangs of criminals, has achieved success in nabbing the criminals;

(b) the number of professional gangs of criminals nabbed since the setting up of the special cell; and

(c) the details of activities of the criminal gangs nabbed by the Cell?